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Viewing cable 09TALLINN114, ESTONIA'S PESSIMISTIC APPROACH TO RUSSIA

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Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags **#cablegate** and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. **#09TALLINN114**.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
09TALLINN114	2009-04-27 14:44	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET	Embassy Tallinn

Appears in these articles:

<http://rusrep.ru/article/2010/12/14/estonia/>

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SUBJECT: ESTONIA'S PESSIMISTIC APPROACH TO RUSSIA

Classified by: CDA Karen Decker for reasons 1.4 ...

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HOMELAND DEFENSE: JUST A LITTLE BIT PARANOID

[1](#)10. (C) While Estonia works to temper its political

stance on Russia, its defensive posture emphasizes internal defensive capabilities, based on an almost-paranoid perception of an imminent Russian attack. The GOE's new ten-year Defense Development Plan (DDP) for 2009-2018, published in January, was finalized after Russia's 2008 invasion of Georgia (ref C). While the DDP is consistent with NATO collective defense priorities, it also clearly reflects defense planners' intent to expand development of territorial and initial defense capabilities. The DDP calls for Estonia to invest in improvements to early warning assets, air defense, anti-tank, and armored maneuver capabilities to discourage aggression and to improve capabilities to support Article V contingency operations. The DDP retains conscription, expands the size of both the active duty and reserve forces and significantly increases the quantity and quality of reserve training.

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